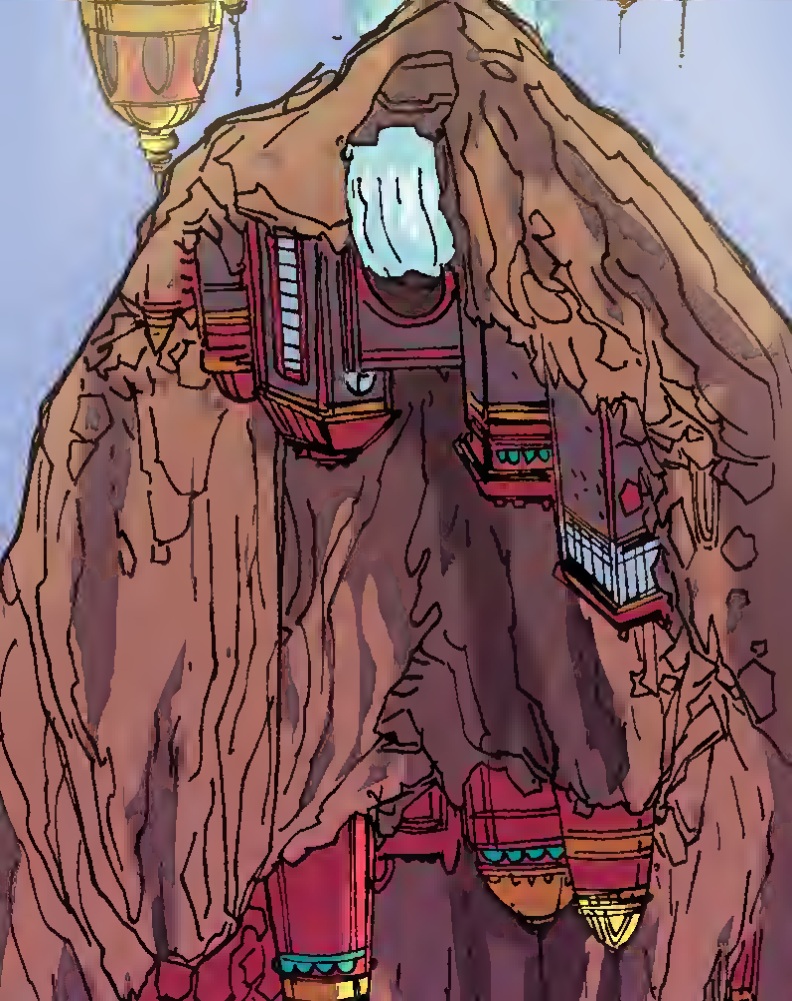
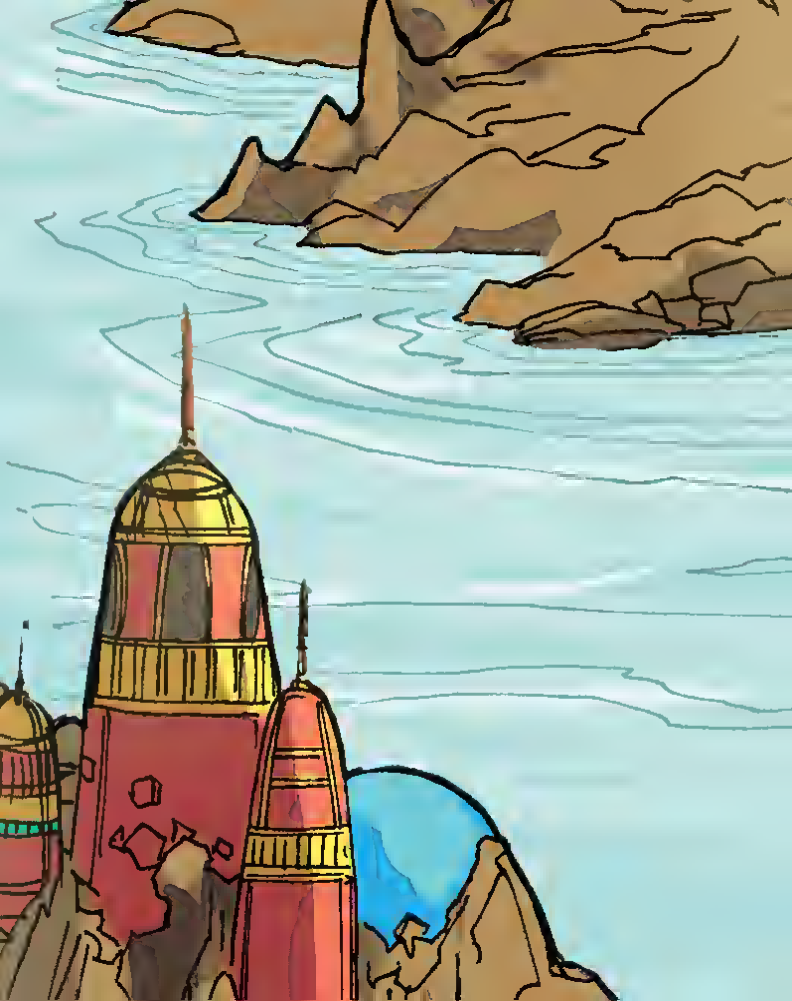
THE ELVARIAN CAPITAL OF KA'DESH'SA.
TWO MONTHS LATER.





CHAPTER 23

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KARL ALTSTAETTER

COLORS
KOMIKAKI STUDIO
FEATURING KEVIN LIEW

LETTERS

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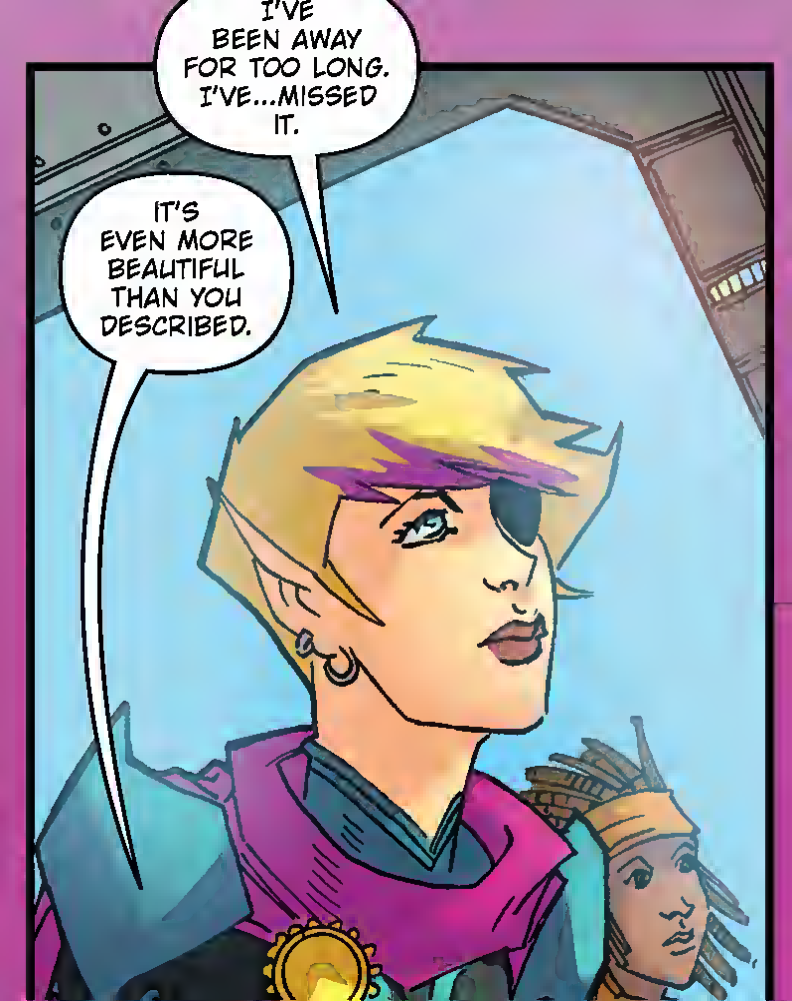
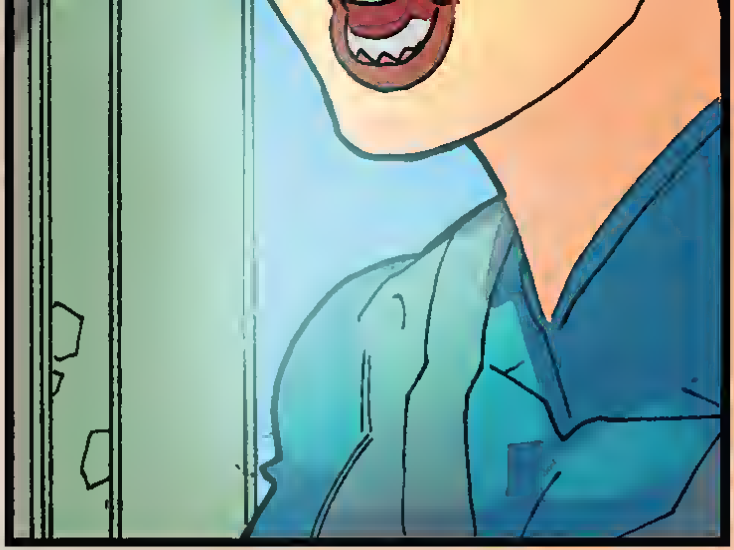

I'VE BEEN AWAY FOR TOO LONG. I'VE...MISSED IT.
IT'S EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN YOU DESCRIBED.

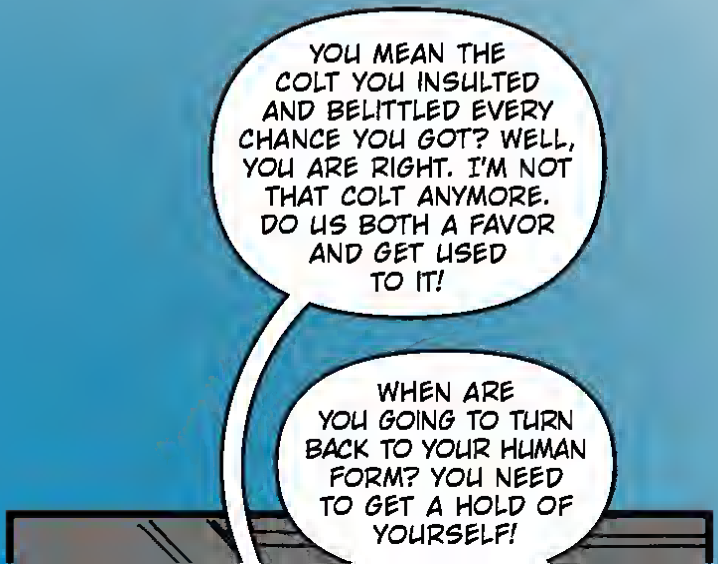
WHEN YOU'VE SEE ONE ELVARIAN CITY, YOU'VE SEEN THEM ALL.
THANKS FOR YOUR DEEP INSIGHT.
JERK.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? EVER SINCE YOU WENT PRIMAL YOU'VE BEEN A MOODY CREEP.

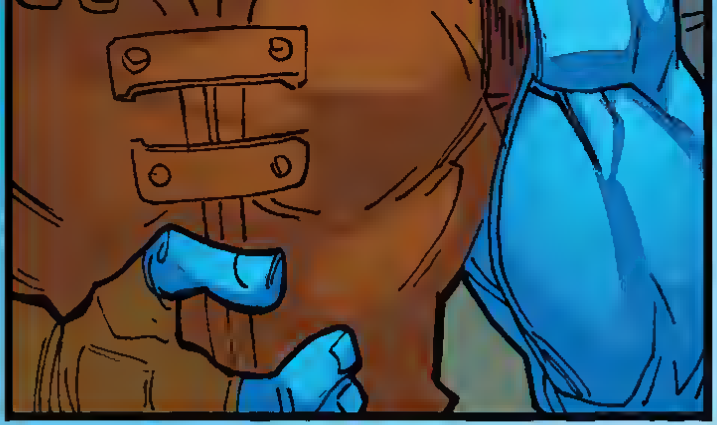
SORRY I'M DISAPPOINTING YOU, JESS. MAYBE YOU ARE THE PROBLEM? MAYBE, YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE "REAL" ME?

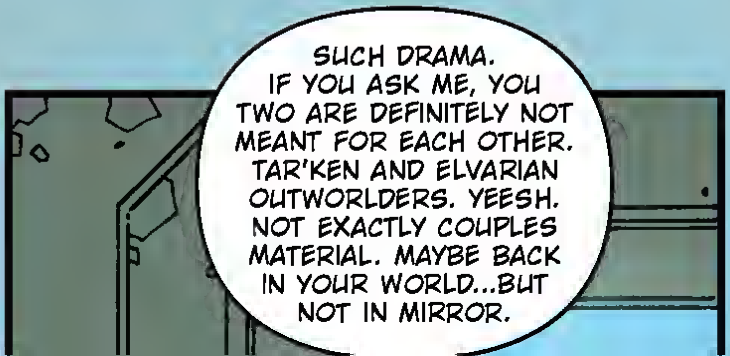
THIS ISN'T THE REAL YOU. THIS ISN'T THE COLT I KNOW.




YOU MEAN THE COLT YOU INSULTED AND BELITTLED EVERY CHANCE YOU GOT? WELL, YOU ARE RIGHT. I'M NOT THAT COLT ANYMORE. DO US BOTH A FAVOR AND GET USED TO IT!
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO TURN BACK TO YOUR HUMAN FORM? YOU NEED TO GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!

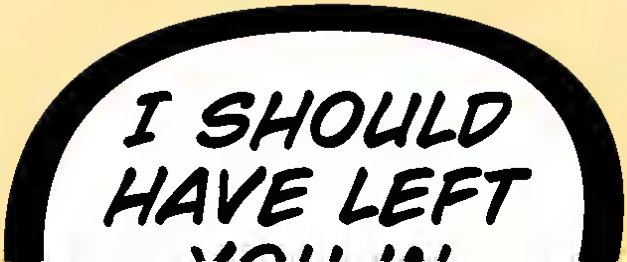
NOT NOW.
NOT EVER AGAIN.
WHAT YOU SEE
IS WHAT YOU
GET.



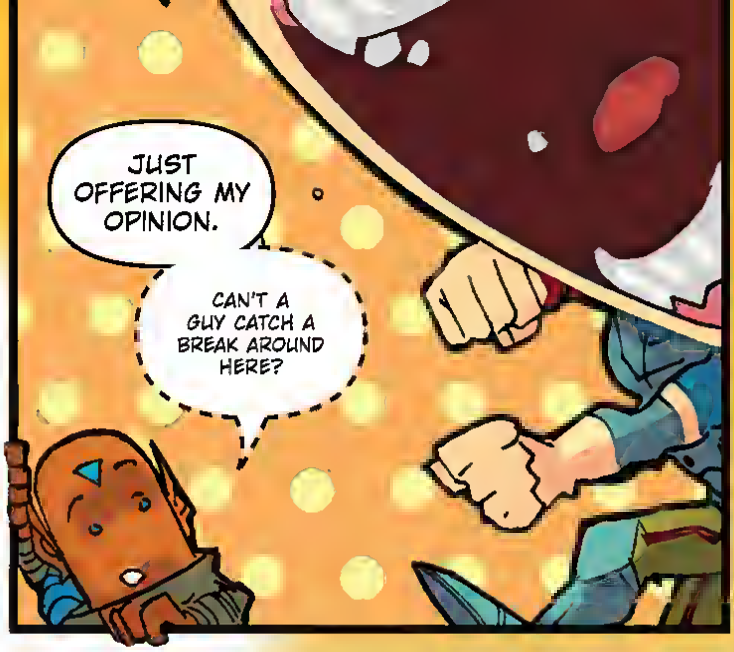

SUCH DRAMA.
IF YOU ASK ME, YOU TWO ARE DEFINITELY NOT MEANT FOR EACH OTHER. TAR'KEN AND ELVARIAN OUTWORLDERS. YEESH. NOT EXACTLY COUPLES MATERIAL. MAYBE BACK IN YOUR WORLD...BUT NOT IN MIRROR.

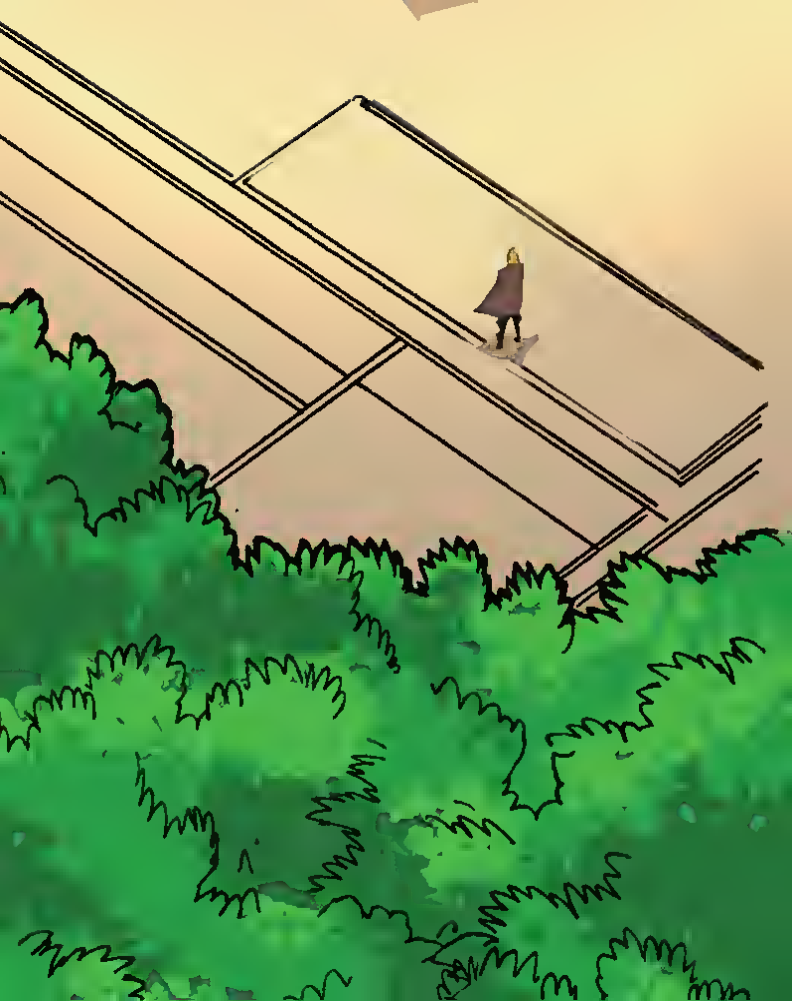
NOBODY ASKED YOU!

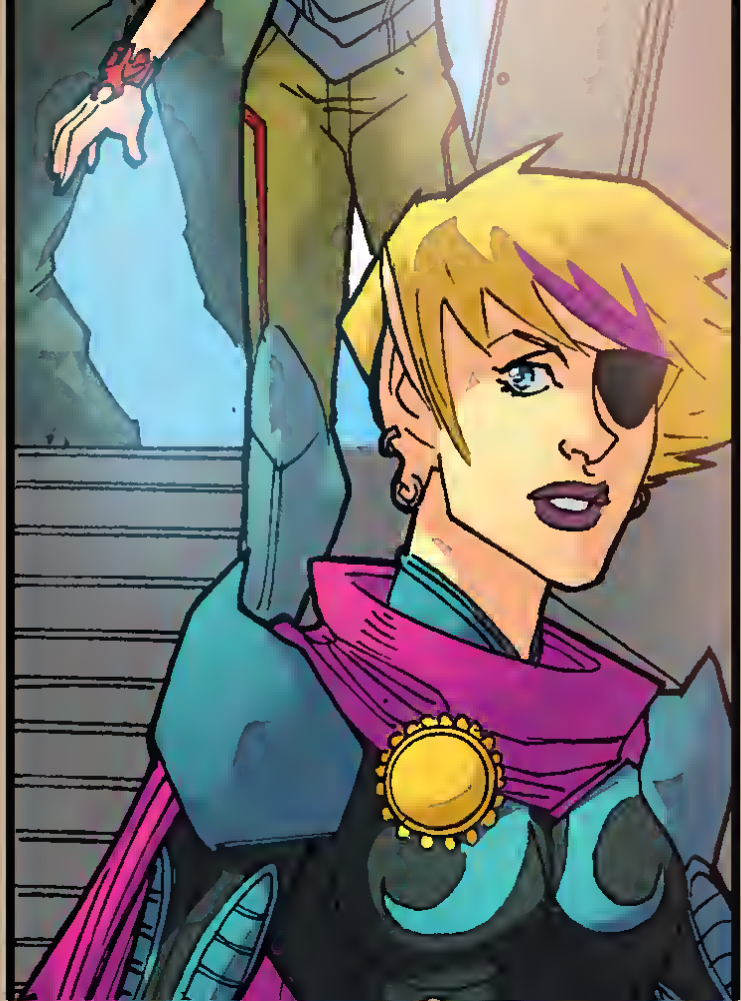
GULP


I SHOULD
HAVE LEFT

YOU IN
GUIR.

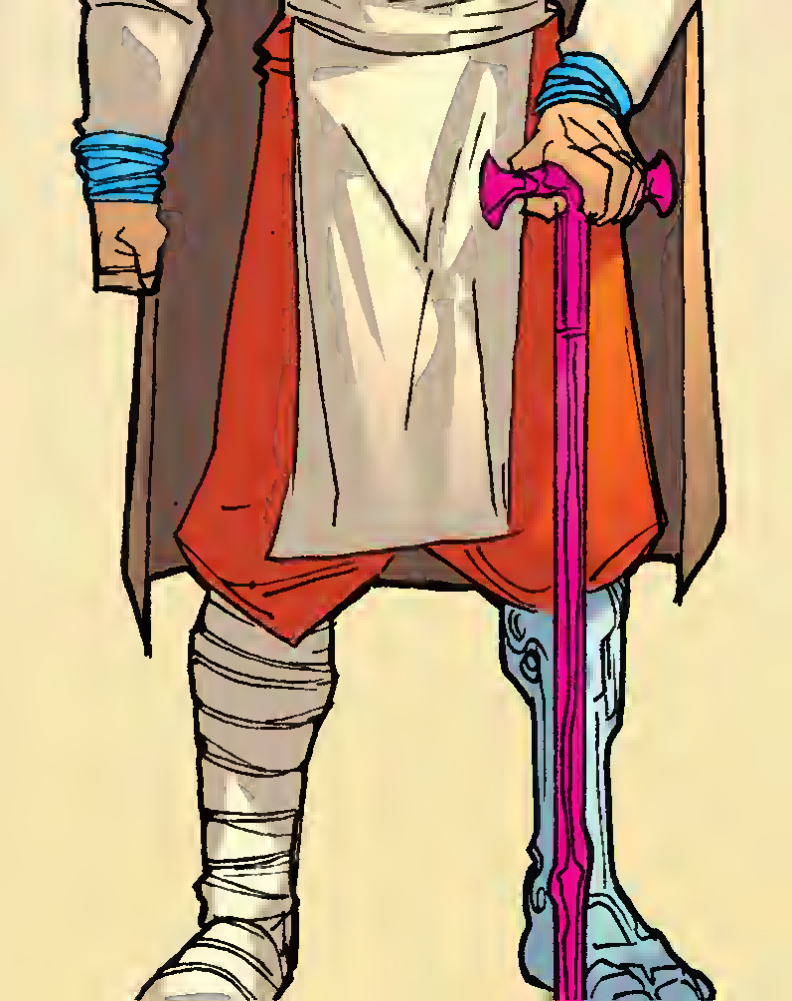

JUST OFFERING MY OPINION.
CAN'T A GUY CATCH A BREAK AROUND HERE?



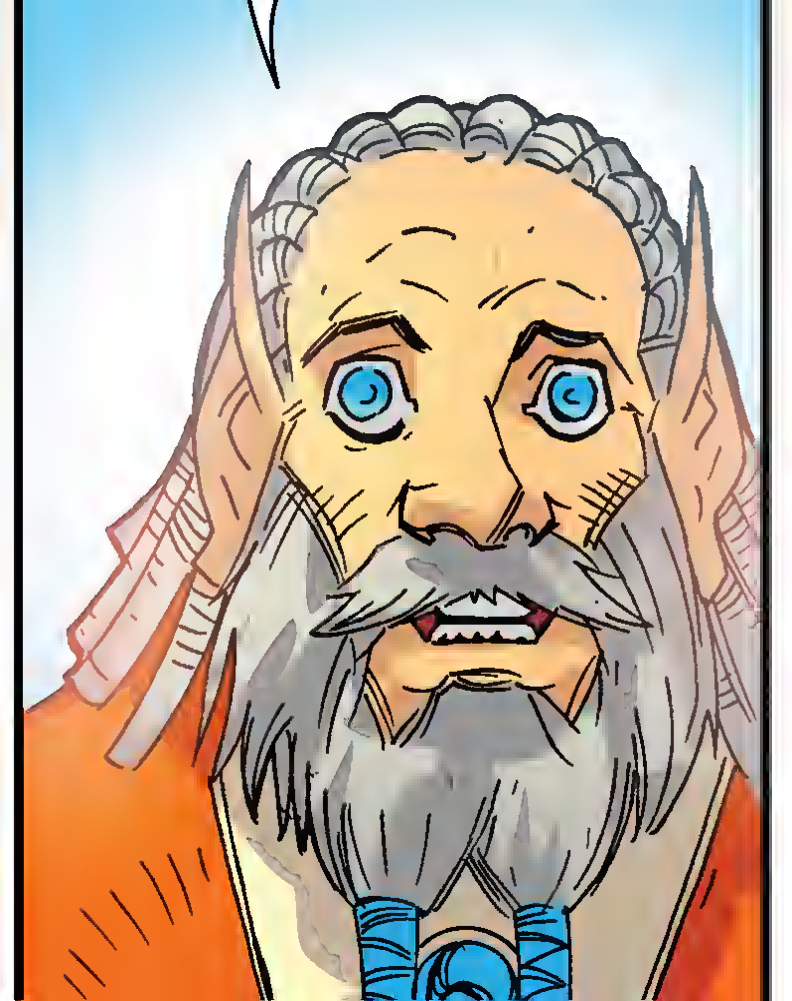


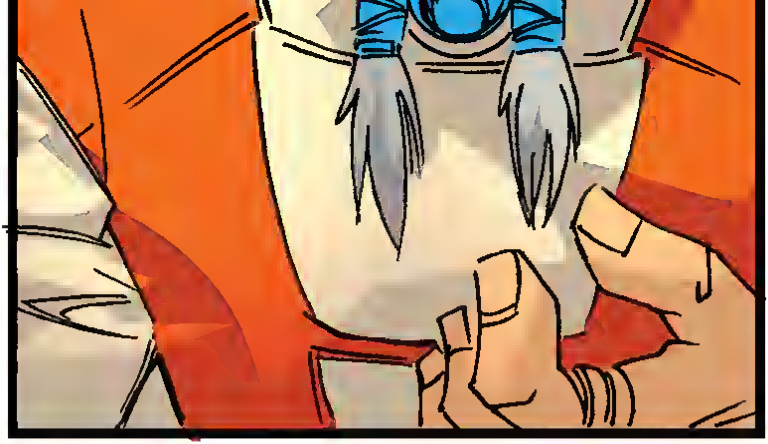
D'CLO.
MY PRAYERS HAVE

BEEN ANSWERED. YOU HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO US. IT DOES MY HEART GOOD TO SEE YOU.

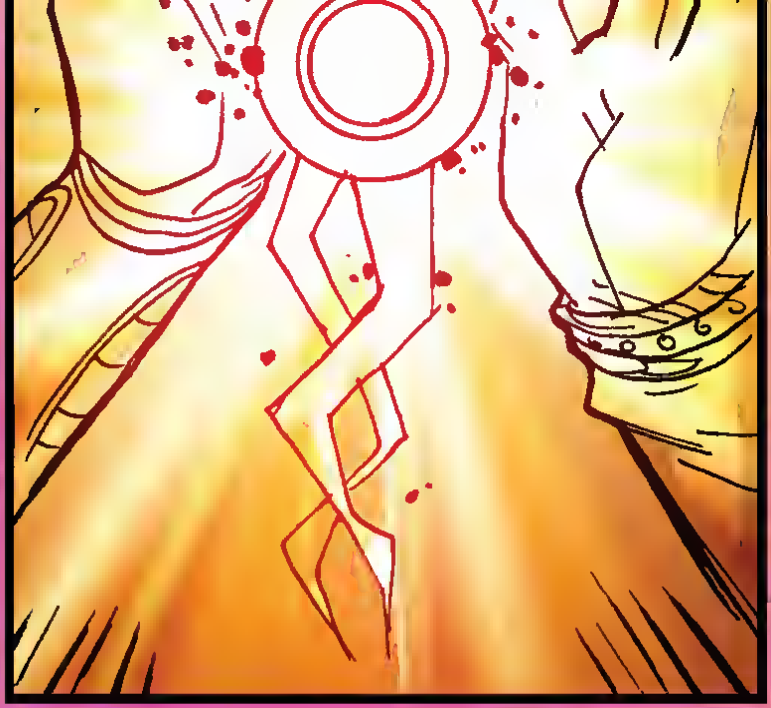


LET US SHARE THE ENERGY OF THE SHA DO KA.



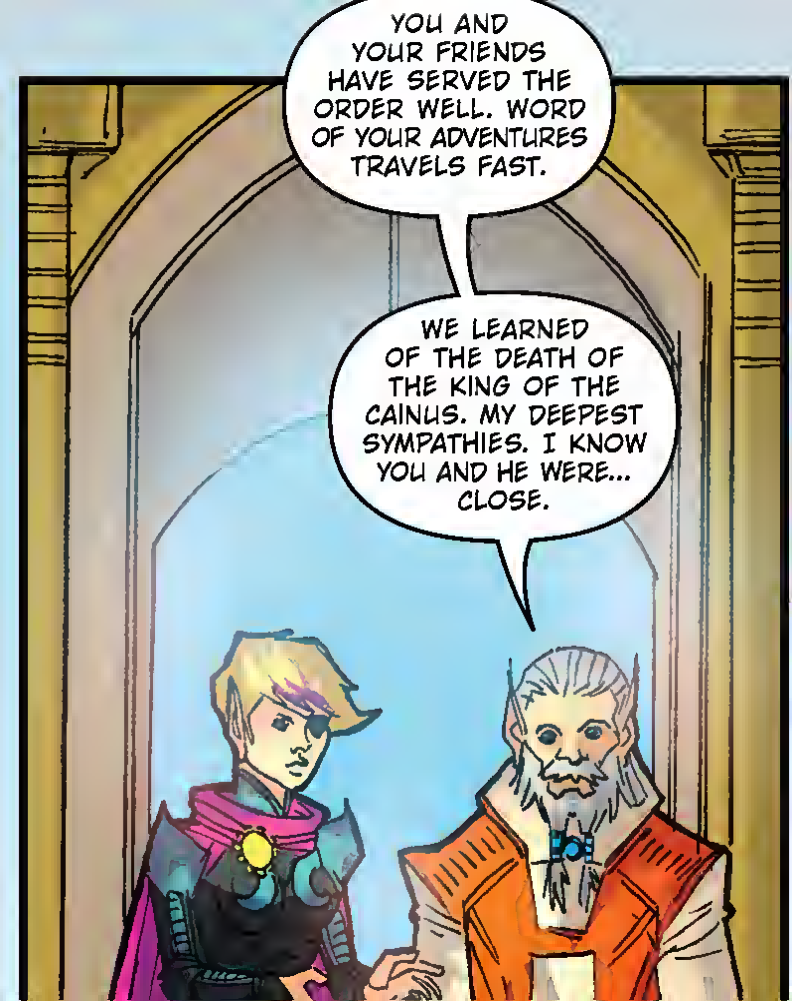


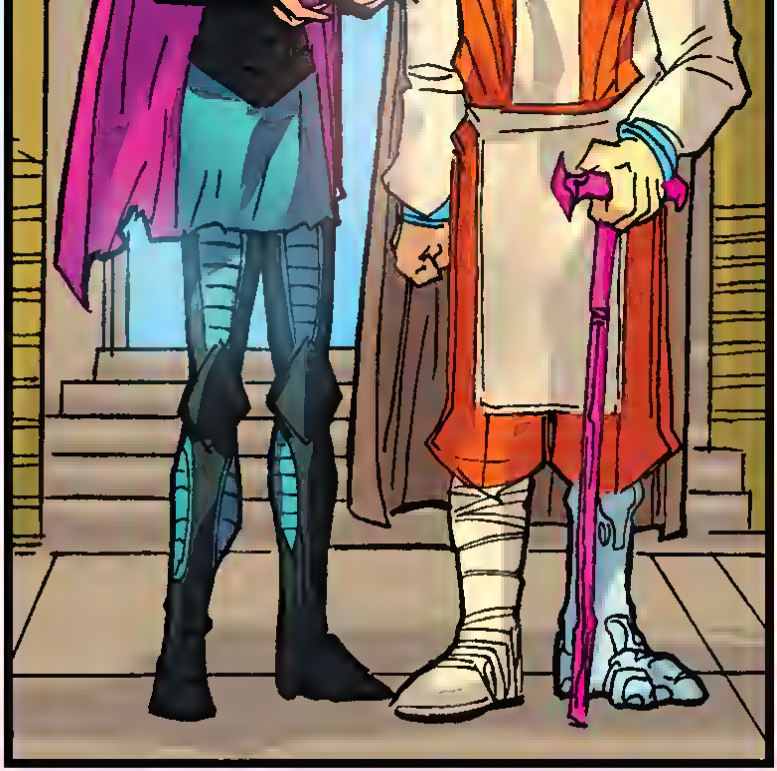
ZZAK



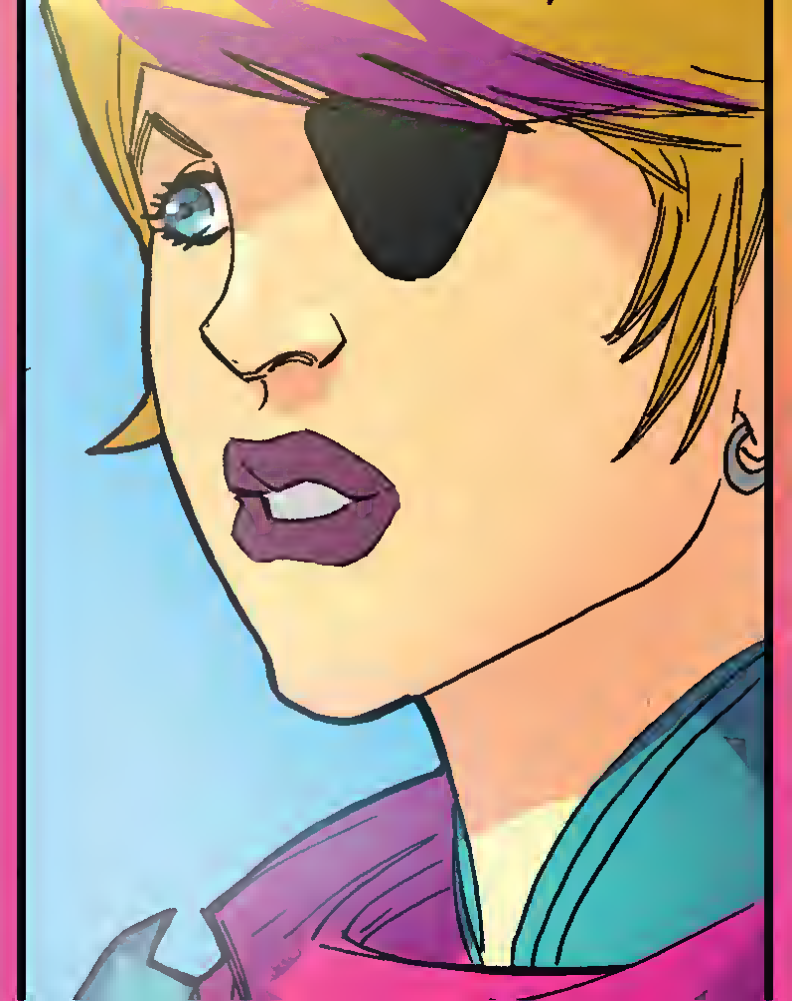
IT BRINGS

ME GREAT JOY TO SEE YOU AGAIN, LORD VASS. I BRING YOU TWO MAGIC USERS THAT WE HAVE RESCUED FROM THE HANDS OF THE DRACONUS.

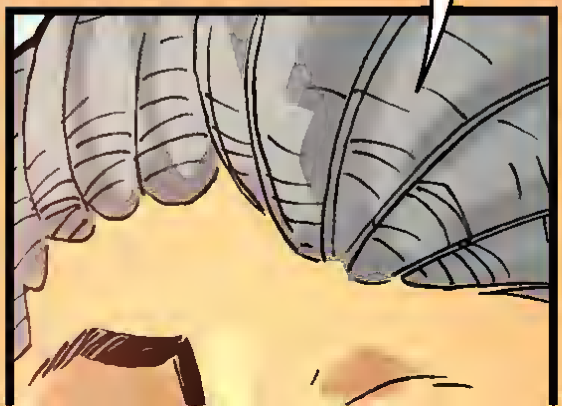

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE SERVED THE ORDER WELL. WORD OF YOUR ADVENTURES TRAVELS FAST.
WE LEARNED OF THE DEATH OF THE KING OF THE CAINUS. MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES. I KNOW YOU AND HE WERE... CLOSE.

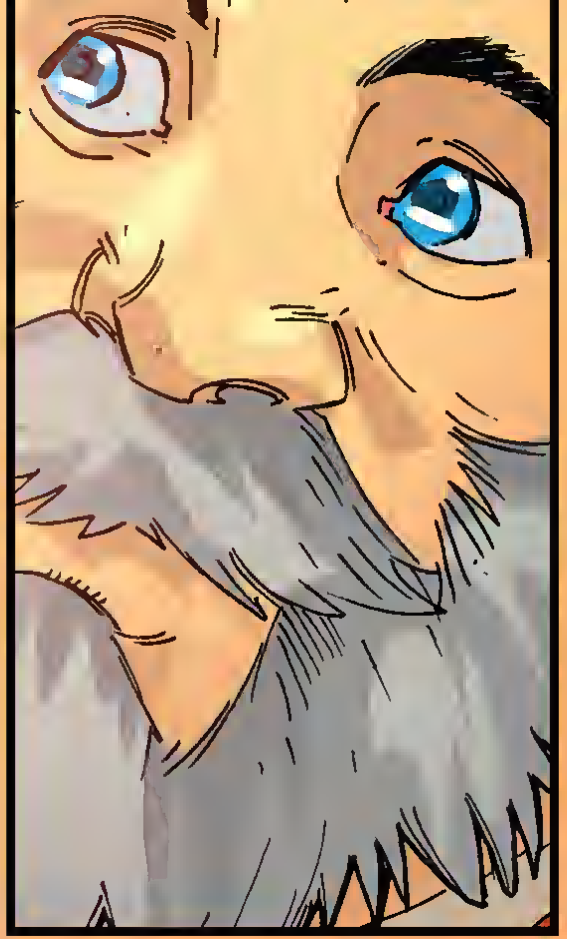


YES...WE WERE. HIS SON, ARGOS, TRAVELS WITH US. HE IS THE RIGHTFUL HEIR TO THE THRONE. THE WOLF GOD CHOSE HIM.



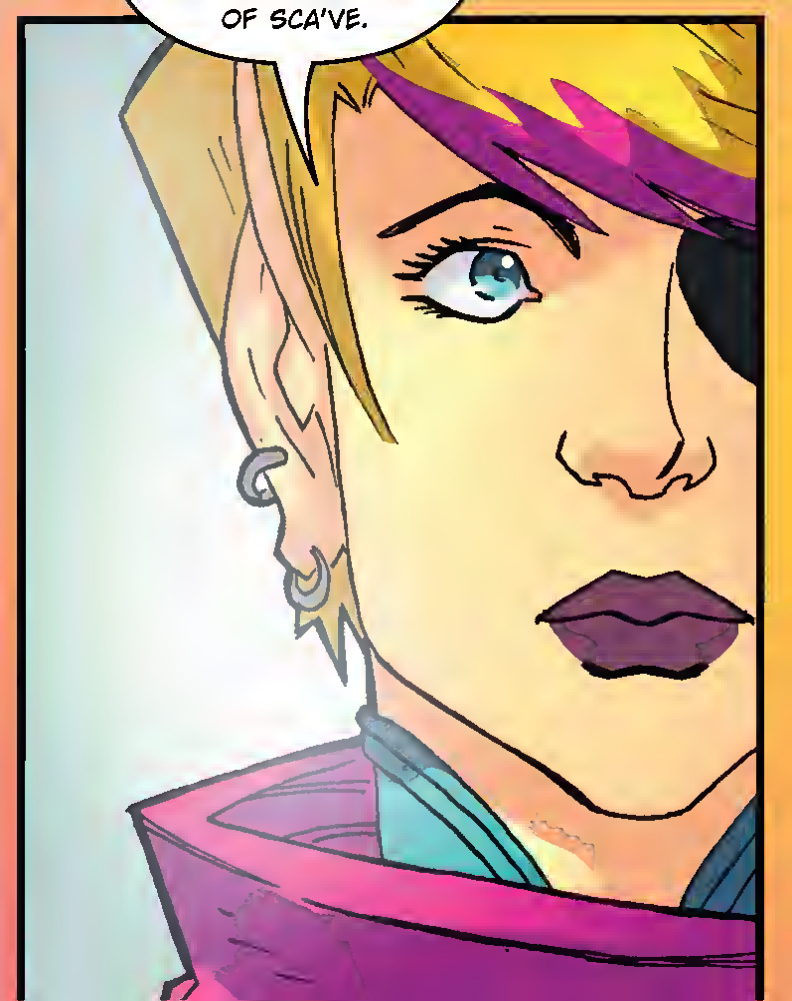
IF INDEED THE WOLF GOD RESIDES IN THIS BOY, HE WOULD BE A STRONG ALLY IN OUR BATTLE AGAINST THE DRACONUS.





INDEED HE WOULD. THERE IS A DEBT THAT MUST BE PAID FOR THE KING'S DEATH AND ARGOS MUST BE ALLOWED TO TAKE HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE AS LEADER OF THE CAINUS.

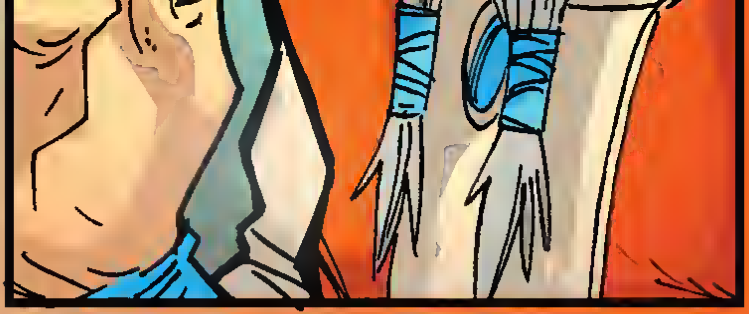
I FEAR HIS SISTER HAS BECOME A PUPPET OF THE DRACONUS AND WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO KEEP HER HOLD ON THE THRONE. NOW IS NOT THE TIME, BUT JUSTICE WILL COME TO THE FREE CITY

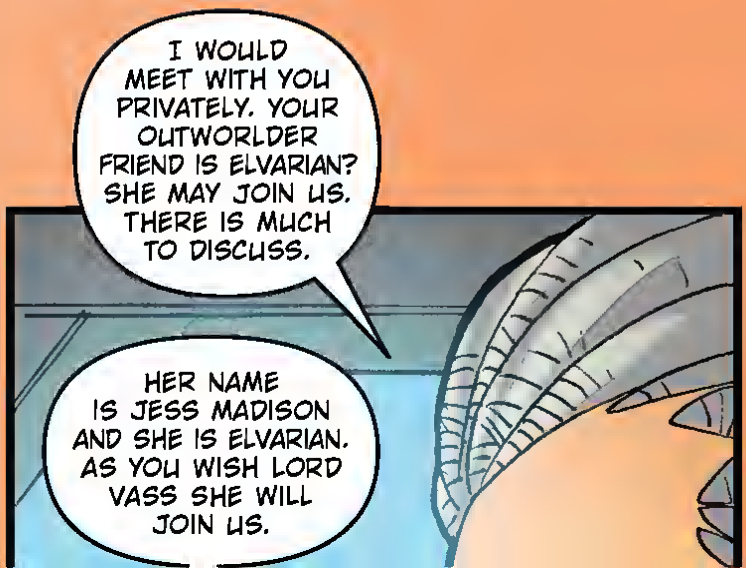

OF SCA'VE.

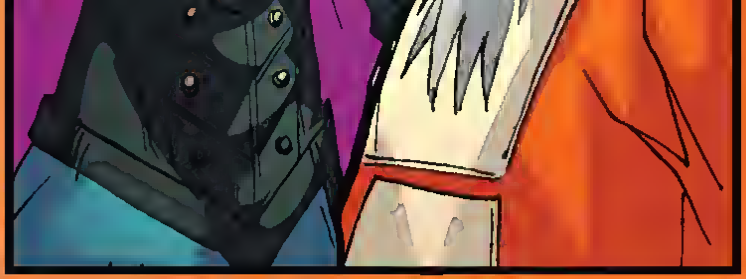
AS MUCH AS I KNOW I SHOULD DISCOURAGE YOU, IT'S NOT YOUR WAY TO BE DENIED SUCH THINGS. EVEN AS A CHILD YOU WERE STUBBORN, BUT YOU HELD A STRONG MORAL COMPASS

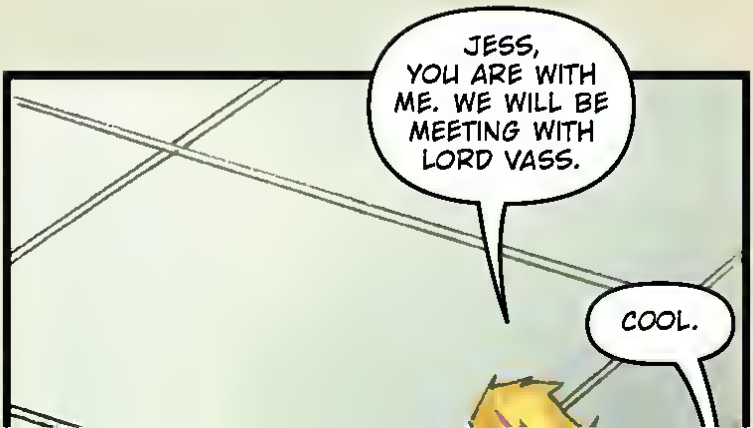
YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN, AND WILL ALWAYS BE, A FORCE OF NATURE. I HAVE LEARNED IN MY OLD AGE NOT TO CHALLENGE THE STORM.

BUT AS YOU SAID, THAT IS FOR ANOTHER TIME. WE HAVE MORE PRESSING MATTERS TO ATTEND.




I WOULD MEET WITH YOU PRIVATELY. YOUR OUTWORLDER FRIEND IS ELVARIAN? SHE MAY JOIN US. THERE IS MUCH TO DISCUSS.
HER NAME IS JESS MADISON AND SHE IS ELVARIAN. AS YOU WISH LORD VASS SHE WILL JOIN US.

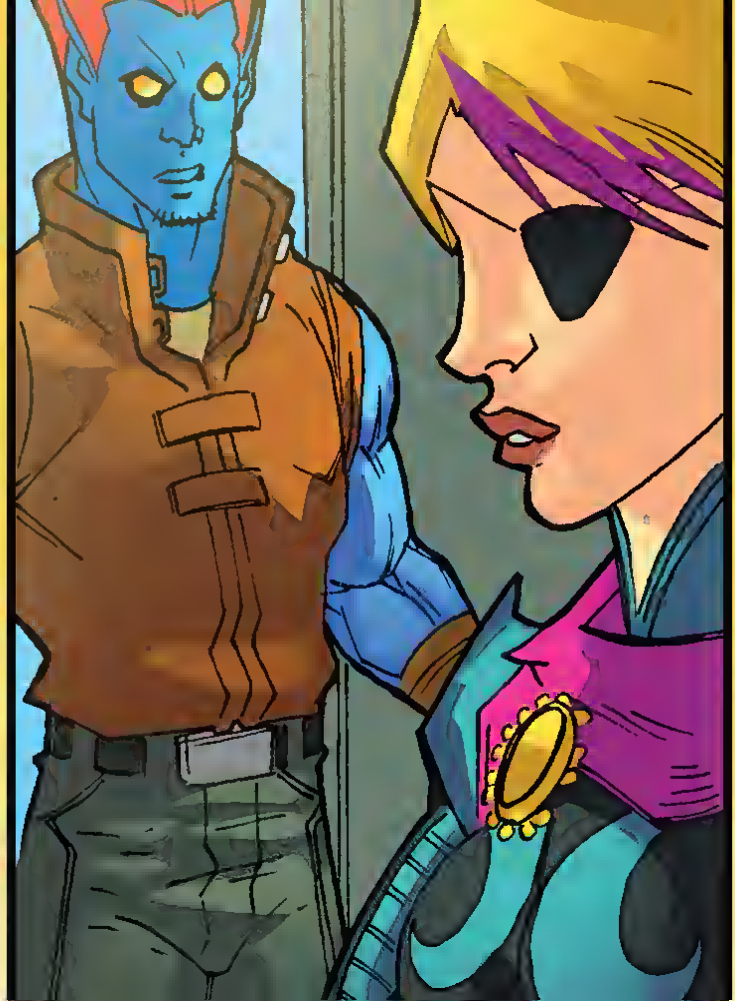


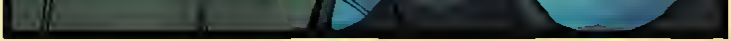

JESS, YOU ARE WITH ME. WE WILL BE MEETING WITH LORD VASS.
COOL.

WHAT ABOUT US? I GUESS ONLY ELVARIANS GET

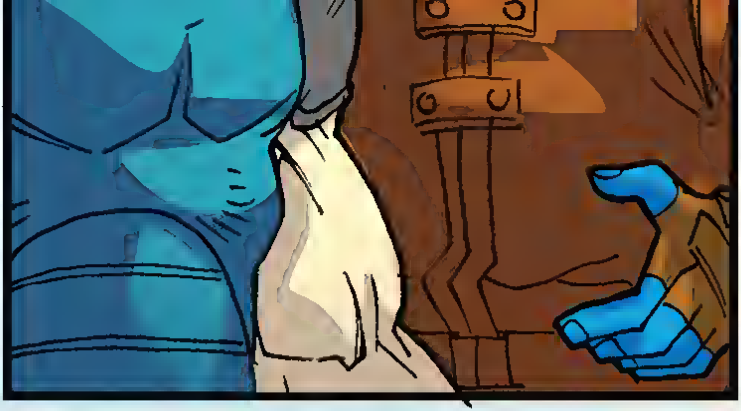
THE INVITE?

I PROMISE TO SHARE EVERYTHING I LEARN IN THE MEETING WITH ALL OF YOU.
I BET YOU WILL.



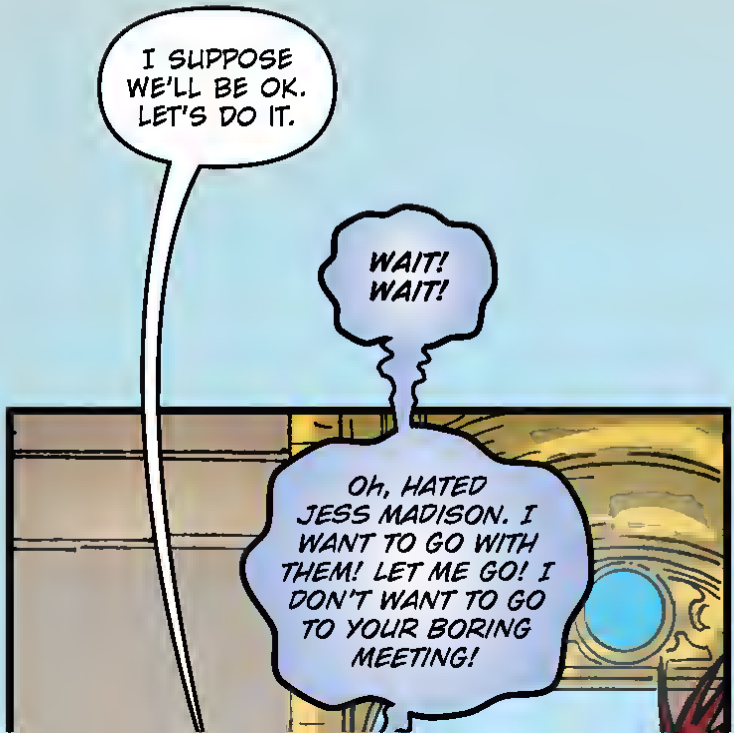


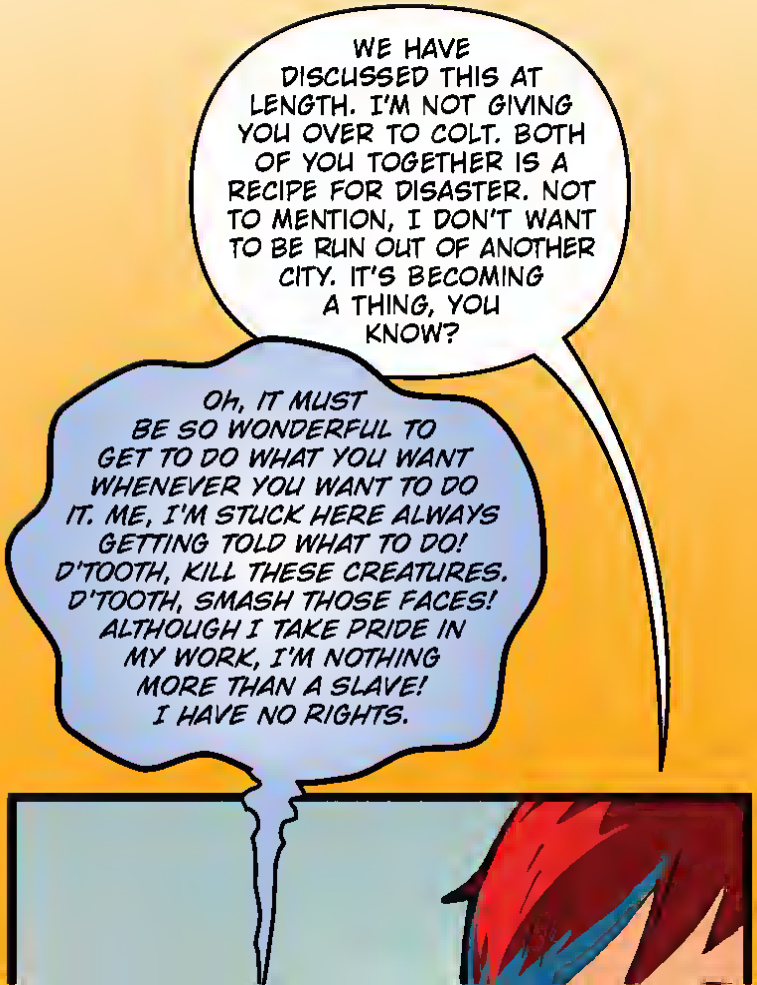
HEY KID, HOW ABOUT YOU AND I DO A LITTLE SIGHTSEEING? SEE WHAT WE CAN SEE.

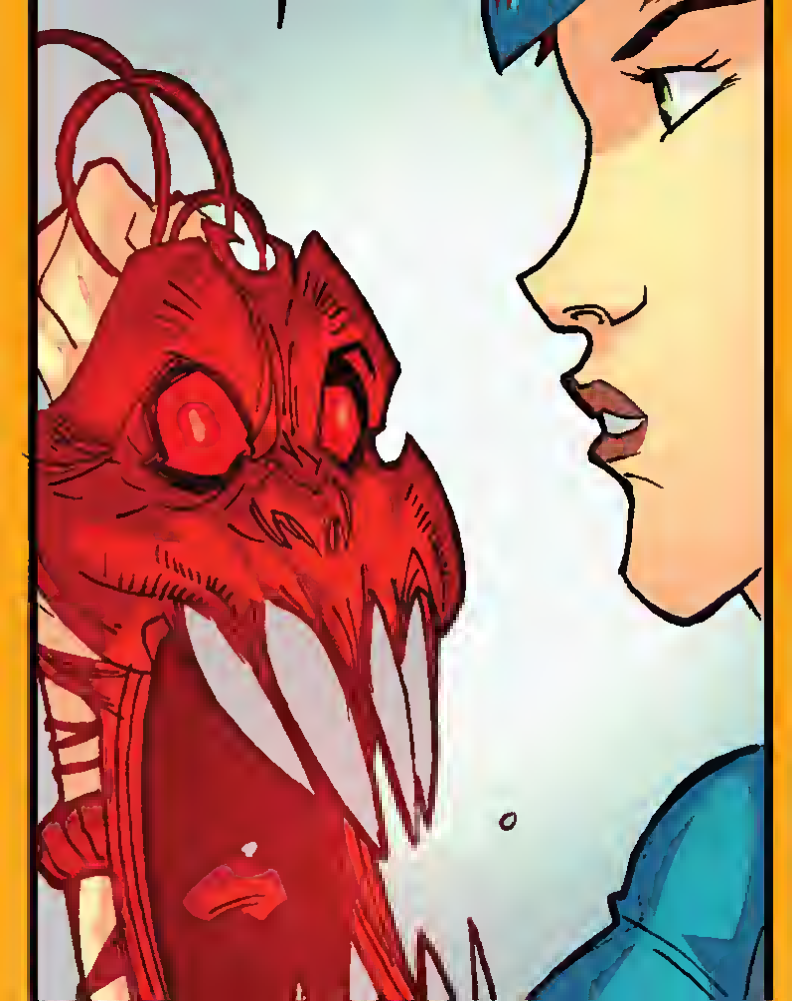


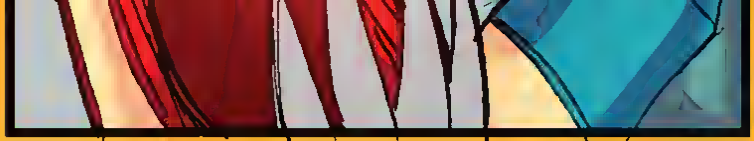
WELL, IT DOES SEEM LIKE AN INTERESTING PLACE. I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO ANY TROUBLE.

I'M A TAR'KEN WARRIOR, YOU TURN INTO A WOLF GOD. WHAT TROUBLE COULD WE POSSIBLY GET INTO?


I SUPPOSE WE'LL BE OK. LET'S DO IT.
WAIT! WAIT!
Oh, HATED JESS MADISON. I WANT TO GO WITH THEM! LET ME GO! I DON'T WANT TO GO TO YOUR BORING MEETING!


WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS AT LENGTH. I'M NOT GIVING YOU OVER TO COLT. BOTH OF YOU TOGETHER IS A RECIPE FOR DISASTER. NOT TO MENTION, I DON'T WANT TO BE RUN OUT OF ANOTHER CITY. IT'S BECOMING A THING, YOU KNOW?
Oh, IT MUST BE SO WONDERFUL TO GET TO DO WHAT YOU WANT WHENEVER YOU WANT TO DO IT. ME, I'M STUCK HERE ALWAYS GETTING TOLD WHAT TO DO! D'TOOTH, KILL THESE CREATURES. D'TOOTH, SMASH THOSE FACES! ALTHOUGH I TAKE PRIDE IN MY WORK, I'M NOTHING MORE THAN A SLAVE! I HAVE NO RIGHTS.



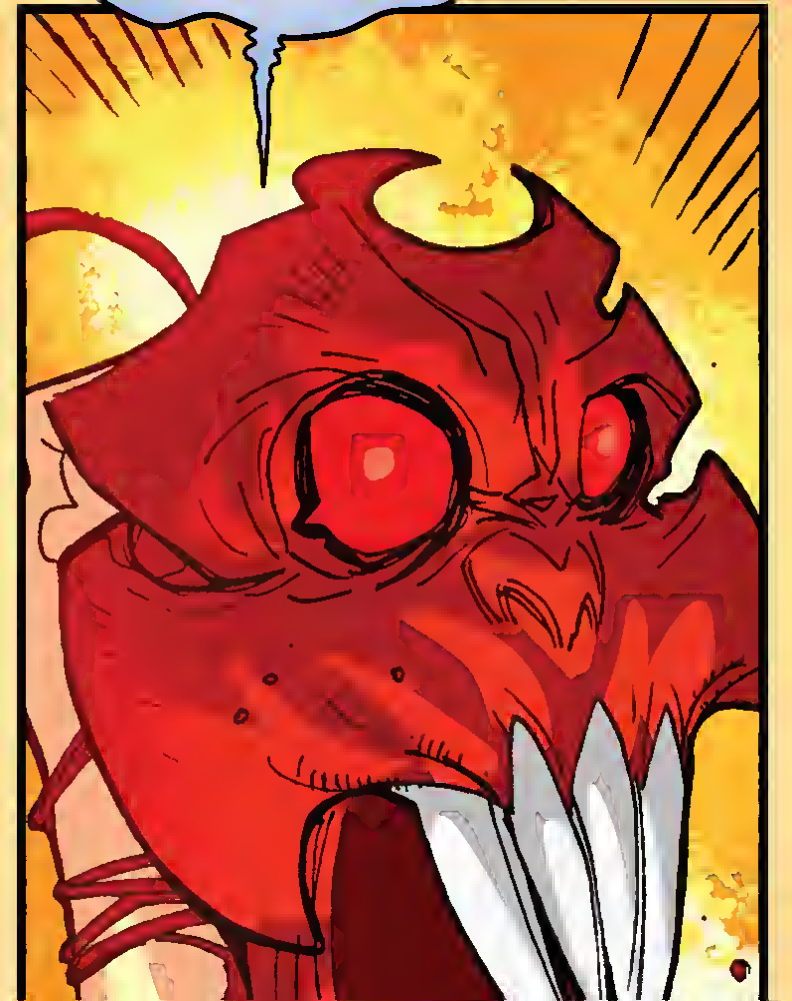


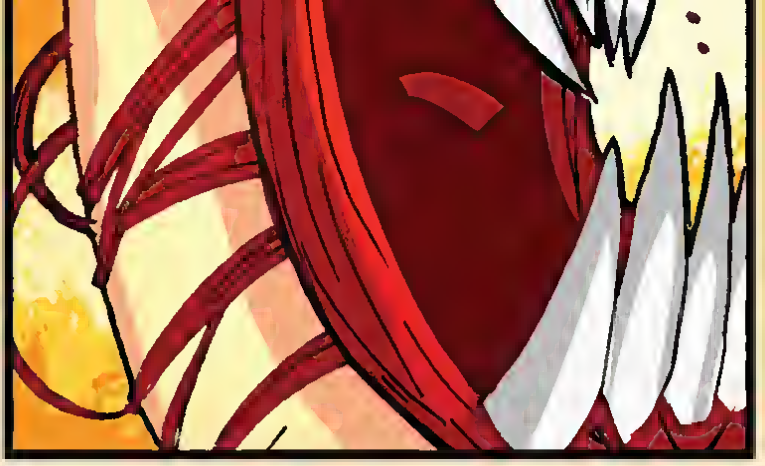
LOOK, D'TOOTH, I FEEL FOR YOU ON A CERTAIN LEVEL. BUT LET'S FACE IT

BUT LET'S FACE IT, YOU ARE A CREATURE CREATED THROUGH THE DARKEST OF DARK MAGIC.

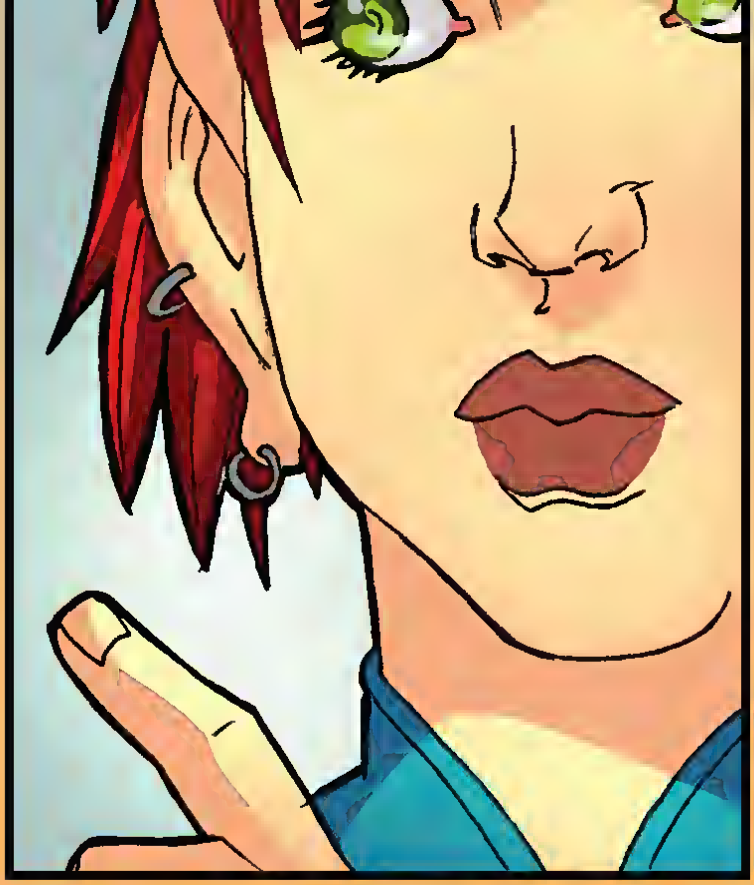
YOU LIVE TO CONSUME THE BLOOD OF YOUR ENEMIES AND THRIVE OFF THE PAIN OF OTHERS. I FEEL A LOT BETTER THAT YOU ARE IN MY HANDS RATHER THAN BEING USED TO CAUSE MORE EVIL.

COMPLIMENTS ARE ONLY GOING TO GET YOU SO FAR WITH ME, oh HATED JESS MADISON. I CAN SEE MY PLIGHT FALLS ON DEAF EARS. YOU MAY CONTROL ME, BUT I DON'T HAVE TO LIKE IT OR YOU!

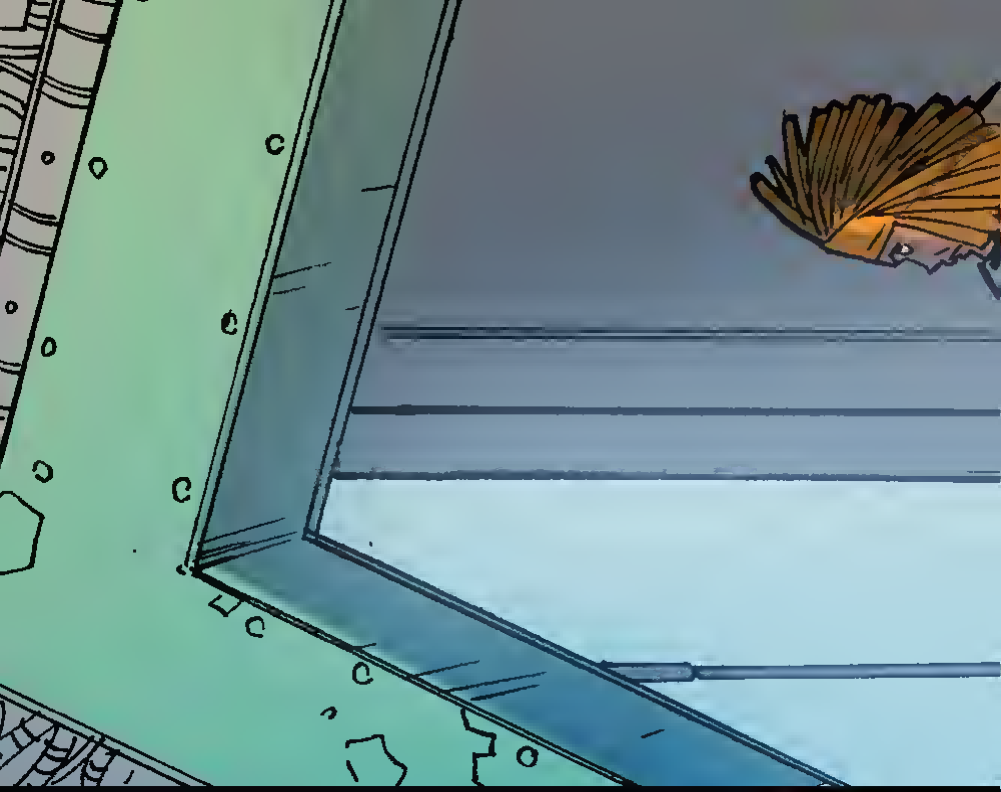


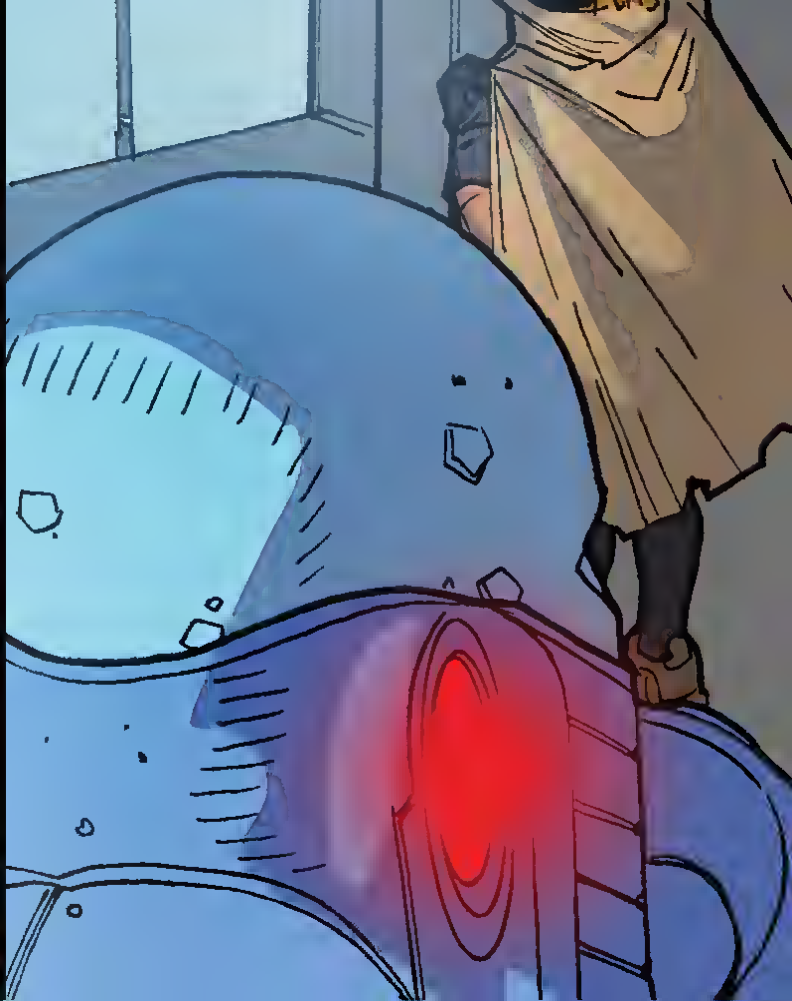


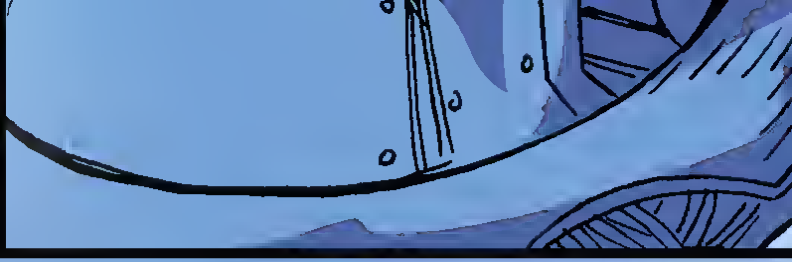
WELL THEN, WE AGREE TO DISAGREE.



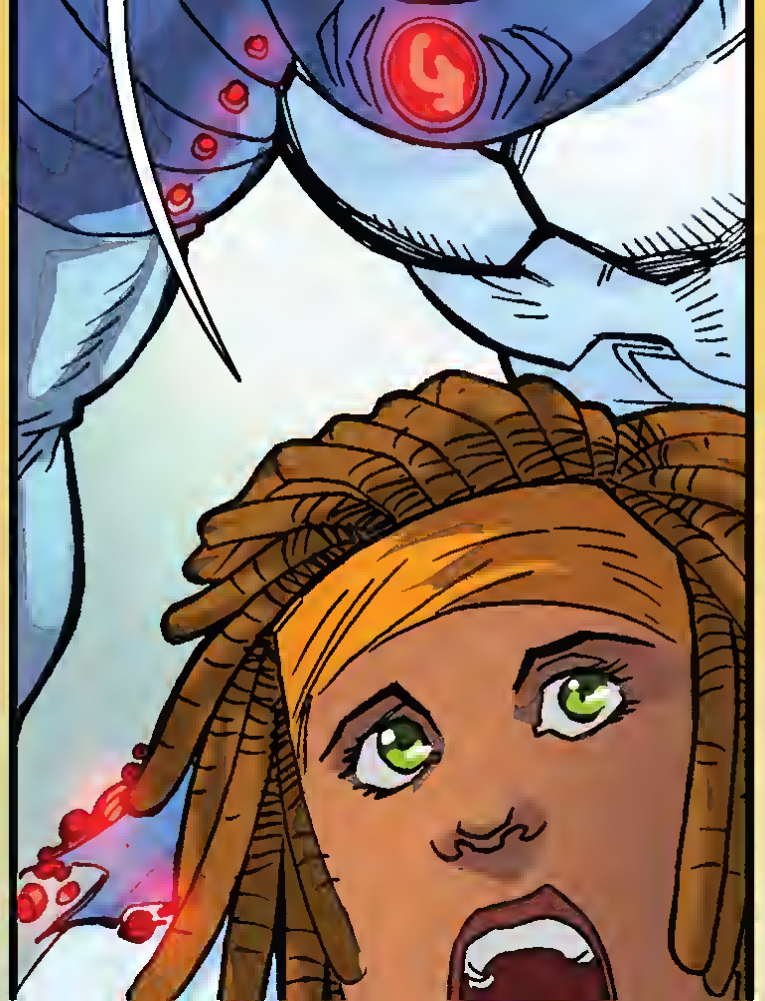
Hmmph!
YOU MAKE
NO SENSE!





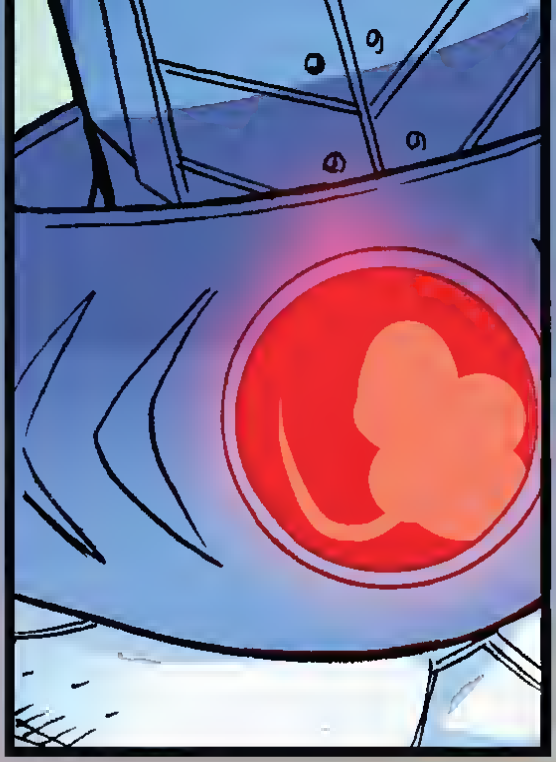


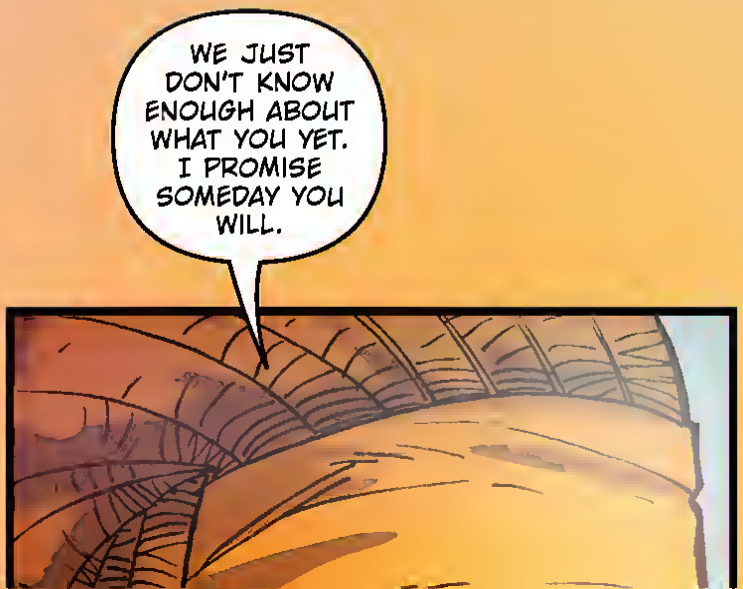
HELLO THE ONE THEY CALL MIKU.
YIKES!
OH. HELLO.



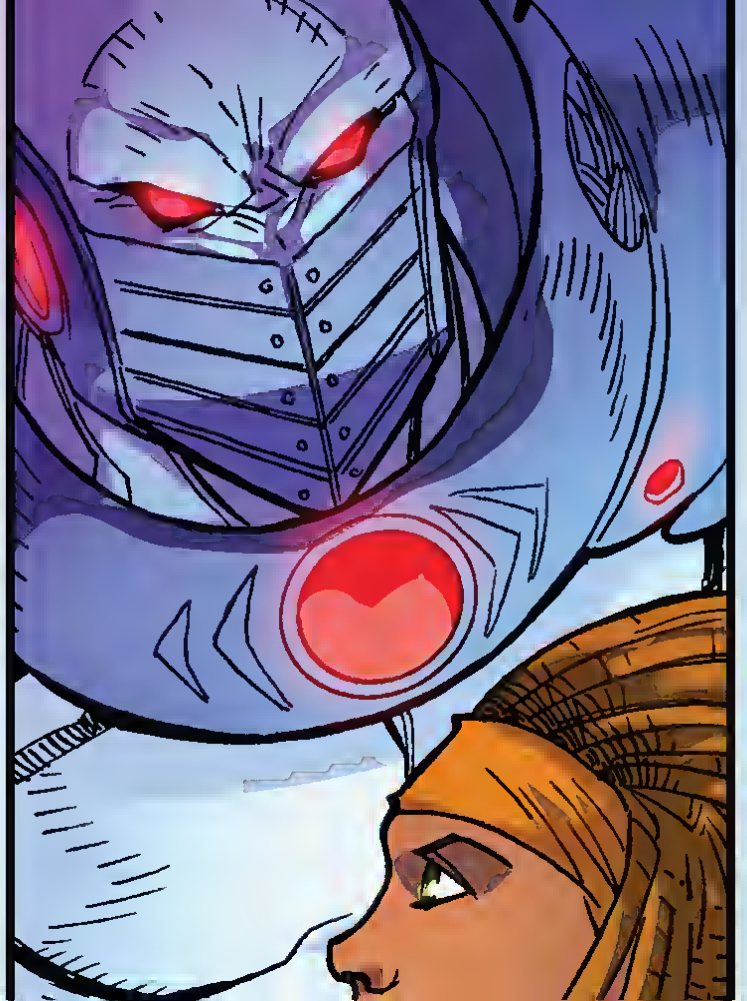
KAN7 WOULD LIKE PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE SHIP.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.

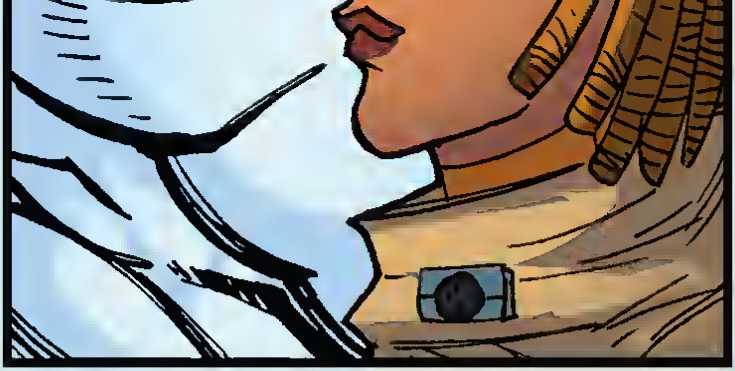
Oh.
QUESTION:
WILL I EVER BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE SHIP?

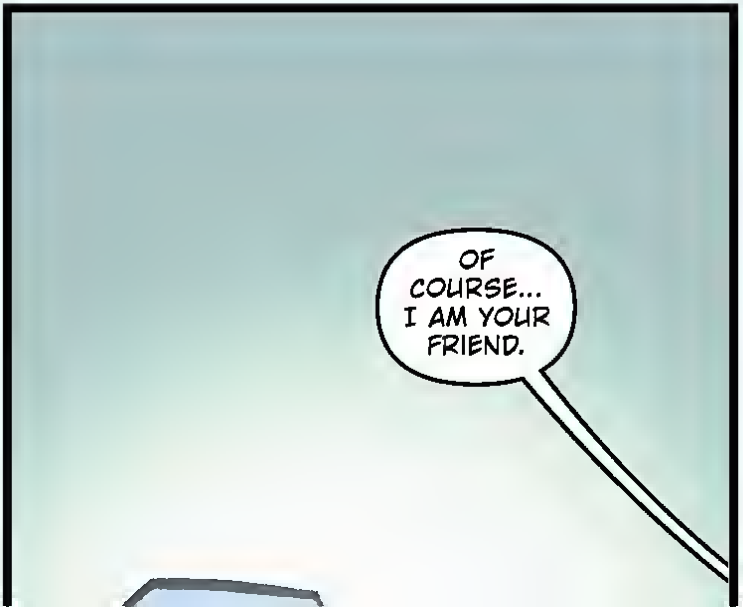



WE JUST DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT WHAT YOU YET. I PROMISE SOMEDAY YOU WILL.

THANK YOU, MIKU. MAY I CALL YOU...
...FRIEND.






OF COURSE... I AM YOUR FRIEND.

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